

Application No. 10/743,082

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract at page 25 with the following rewritten abstract:

When there is created one composite image comprising an arrangement of a plurality of associated captured small images, an intended small image needs to be extracted from the composite image. When a plurality of small images are arranged to create one composite image, pixel data on the first row of a first ~~number-1~~ small image is stored at a first address ~~adr-11~~ of DRAM. Pixel data on the second row and later are sequentially stored at specified addresses of DRAM. Likewise, second through ninth ~~number-2 through number-9~~ small images are stored at specified addresses of DRAM. In this manner, one composite image is created. When the first ~~number-1~~ small image is selected to be extracted, pixel data on the first row of the first ~~number-1~~ small image is read from the first address ~~adr-11~~ of DRAM. Pixel data on the second row is read from the second address ~~adr-21~~. Pixel data on the third row and later are sequentially read by incrementing addresses. The present invention can be applied to a digital still camera.